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Applicant	:	Zheng Tan et al.
Serial No.	:	10/668,387
Filed on	:	09/23/2003
Title	:	Chemical Activiation and Refining of Southern Pine Kraft Fibers
Our Ref.	:	TEC-024170-US

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed herewith for filing, Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the following checked items:

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With kindest regards,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: TAN, Z., et al. Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 10/668,387 Examiner: Jose A. Fortuna

Filed: September 23, 2003

For: CHEMICAL ACTIVATION AND REFINING OF SOUTHERN PINE FRAFT FIBERS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Communication dated August 29, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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